

for all they have done for me and my family and I am proud of all their hard work on behalf of so many. I join their family and their many friends in wishing them a very happy anniversary and many more years of good health and happiness. They truly deserve it.

A TRIBUTE TO THE TRONA  
FOURSQUARE CHURCH

**HON. JERRY LEWIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 3, 1997*

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to bring to your attention the community-wide celebration taking place later this month in the High Mojave Desert of San Bernardino County. The congregation of the Trona Foursquare Church will be celebrating its 58th anniversary on September 28th, as well as honoring its pastors for 25 years of service to the community. A dinner and evening of fellowship will mark this important occasion on September 27th.

Reverend and Mrs. Melvin Wilson came to Trona in July of 1972. Living in Trona, they have faithfully served their church family while involving themselves in numerous ways in the life of the local community. Their love, care, concern, influence, and loyalty is reflected in their service which touches literally everyone in Trona. They have truly been, by all accounts, servants of God. The citizens of Trona are grateful beyond words for their devotion and I am proud to ask our colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in saluting them today.

I would also like to pay special tribute to the Trona Foursquare Church as it, too, celebrates an important milestone—its 58th anniversary. To say the least, the entire community is very much looking forward to a weekend of celebration to mark both the service of Reverend and Mrs. Wilson, as well as the anniversary of the church itself.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me and our colleagues in paying tribute to the Trona Foursquare Church as it celebrates these important moments in its history. It is only appropriate that the House recognize Reverend and Mrs. Wilson for their 25 years of faithful community service, as well as the service of this church as it, too, celebrates a most esteemed anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO THE 25TH SILVER AN-  
NIVERSARY OF THE 1997 PUERTO  
RICAN DAY PARADE OF  
PATERSON

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 3, 1997*

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the momentous occasion of the 1997 Puerto Rican Day Parade of Paterson's 25th Silver Anniversary. The parade will take place on Sunday, August 24, 1997 in Paterson, NJ.

The Puerto Rican Day Parade of Paterson was established and incorporated in 1972. The goal of the parade was to revitalize and

maintain the rich cultural diversity that portrays a spiritual, family-oriented people.

For more than 25 years, thousands of Puerto Ricans and other Hispanic groups traditionally spend a weekend to reflect upon the beauty of traditional songs and dances, to be sensitized by colors and fashions, and to partake of traditional food and drink. The parade and its week-long activities have historically fulfilled its intended purpose of allowing for the next generation to observe contributions made by the Puerto Rican-American community to improve the city of Paterson and make it a better place to live, work, and educate the next generation.

On Sunday, August 24, 1997, the parade will celebrate its 25th anniversary and over 100,000 people from all corners of the metropolitan area will share in the festivities.

The 3.5 mile-long parade will commence in the heart of the city of Paterson and proceed through the historic downtown shopping district. The celebration, as always, promises to be energetic, uplifting, and quite spectacular.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, the Puerto Rican-American community, and the State of New Jersey in recognizing the Puerto Rican Day Parade of Paterson's 25th Silver Anniversary and commending both its organizers and participants who constantly enrich the cultural flavor of our diverse community.

COMMEMORATIVE STAMP FOR  
AVA GARDNER

**HON. BOB ETHERIDGE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 3, 1997*

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, today I introduce a resolution to provide a commemorative stamp for Ava Gardner, one of America's most accomplished actresses and native of the town of Smithfield in the Second Congressional District of North Carolina. I would like to submit the text of this resolution for the RECORD, and I strongly urge my colleagues to sign on as cosponsors of this resolution:

Whereas Ava Lavinia Gardner is one of America's most accomplished actresses this century;

Whereas her work was world renowned, taking her around the country and globe, residing in New York, California, Spain, and England, spreading the goodwill of the American people and setting the mark in film, radio, and television for aspiring actresses and actors to follow;

Whereas, her movie career was recognized by her peers and industry, receiving the Golden Globe Best Actress in a Drama nomination for "Night of the Iguana" (1964), the Academy of Motion Pictures Merit for Outstanding Achievement Best Actress nomination for "Mogambo" (1953), and the Look Film Achievement Award for her performance in "The Hucksters" (1947);

Whereas, her work personified and led the true golden age of Hollywood, when stories were of the heart and when values dictated one's performance such as her role as Sarah in "The Bible . . . in the Beginning," recognized as the best picture of the month for the whole family with the Box Office Blue-Ribbon Award (1966);

Whereas, her patriotism was unparalleled, recognized by the United States Armed Forces for her spirit of public service, and distinguished performance as guest star of the Armed Forces radio network's production of "Victorious Lady";

Whereas, Time Magazine, one of the world's most widely read publications, recognized her achievements in 1951, dedicating its front cover to Ava Gardner, and becoming the first female from her home State of North Carolina ever to grace its cover;

Whereas, though she rose to great heights from humble beginnings, living the American Dream through hard work and perseverance, she never forgot the needs of people as she worked tirelessly for cancer research funding, nor the people of Johnston County, North Carolina, where she was born the youngest of five daughters and two sons of Jonas and Mary Elizabeth Gardner, later attending high school in the Rock Ridge Community and on to the then Atlantic Christian College (Barton College) in Wilson, North Carolina;

Whereas, citizens from every State in the United States and across the world revere her work, visiting the Ava Gardner Museum in Smithfield, North Carolina, and her numerous related worldwide web Internet sights, as well as on television, enjoying her work in episodes of the hit television series "Knots Landing" and her life story through biographical television movies;

Whereas, her work carries on, despite her passing from this earth January 25, 1990;

Whereas, Ava Lavinia Gardner is one of America's most accomplished actresses this century, leading the Hollywood golden age, spreading the goodwill and patriotism of the American people around the globe, and setting the mark in film, radio, and television of aspiring actresses and actors to follow;

Whereas, the "Ava Gardner 2000 Stamp Committee," spearheaded by the Ava Gardner Museum and the work of its indefatigable volunteers in Smithfield, North Carolina, to celebrate her life has targeted the decade anniversary of her passing of January 25, 2000, for the publication of a commemorative stamp by the United States Postal Service: Therefore, be it

Resolved, that it is the sense of the House of Representatives that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued by the United States Postal Service in honor of Ava Gardner; and that the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee of the United States Postal Service should recommend to the Postmaster General that such a postage stamp be issued.

WORK UNFINISHED

**HON. DOUG BEREUTER**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 3, 1997*

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member highly commends to his colleagues this editorial which appeared in the Norfolk Daily News on August 18, 1997.

WORK UNFINISHED—MORE TO BE DONE REGARDING BUDGETS; VOTERS THEMSELVES MUST DO REMINDING

For his part, President Clinton saw the five-year budget legislation as a measure that would "renew our nation and restore its